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### **Idaho February Red Meat Production Down 8 Percent from Last Year**

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2010 totaled 16.1 million pounds, down 8 percent from February of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2010 period totaled 33.5 million pounds, down 12 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.74 billion pounds in February, down 2 percent from the 3.83 billion pounds produced in February 2009. Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.55 million head, up 1 percent from February 2009. The average live weight was down 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,285 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 2 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,000 head, down slightly from February 2009. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from last year, at 247 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.69 million head, down 3 percent from February 2009. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 3 percent from February 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,400 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 3 pounds from February a year ago. January to February 2010 commercial red meat production was 7.65 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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